



The Blurb



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General Meeting on the 12th

**It's Halloween again!
Get out your silly scary costumes!**



And don't try to steal the kid's candy!

This month marks the 10th anniversary of Jim Spencer's passing

In 1975, Jim became a member of the Lu Lu Country Club where he discovered the endless joy of 'chasing the little white ball'. Elaine and Jim played golf together regularly at Lu Lu, traveled extensively, playing in Hawaii, Arizona, Florida, and South Carolina. They were thrilled to have the opportunity to travel to England and play golf were the game started in Scotland, then made a transatlantic return on the Queen Elizabeth II. Jim's last round was played with his wife and daughter in the spring of 2004 where he shot a marvelous round of 89 at age 80.



Jim was known by everyone as a quiet man, who treated others with compassion, love and respect. He was a calm, laid-back individual who rarely got upset about anything, and never lost his temper, no matter how bad the situation looked. He lived his life every day by the

words of the serenity prayer on his desk: 'God grant me the strength to accept things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference'.

Jim, we will love you always, wonderful Husband, Father and Friend.



W3BBB

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In Loving Memory

Clinton R. Spencer Jr.

*December 27, 1923
to
October 24, 2006.*

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Sunday Morning Net Schedules

- **2 Meter/ 70cm Net** at 0930L on W3QV repeater
- **10-on-10 Net** at 1000L 28.393 MHz USB (\pm QRM)
- **75 meter Net** at 1020L 3.993 MHz LSB
- **ARES** at 2100L on the W3QV repeater

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& N3GLU
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Membership: K3HWG

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Program: W3AOK

Publicity: W3RM

Refreshments: W3AOK

Repeater: W3AOK

Scholarship: W3RM

Sunshine: N3GLU

VE Program: NS3K

Welcome: N3UBY

Youth: KC2PMW

All visitors are welcome!

The club meets at 7:00 PM on the *second* non-holiday Wednesday each month except July and August at Giant Supermarket, 315 York Rd, Willow Grove, PA
Maps and directions are available at www.phil-mont.org.

License Examinations are held on the fourth **non-holiday Thursday** each month at
Community Ambulance Association, 1414 E. Butler Pike, Ambler PA 19002

Registration begins at 7:00 P.M. Applicants should contact Jim McCloskey NS3K at 215-275-2979 or jmcclloskey@msn.com for the latest information.

Club Stations W3QV/R: The Jim Spencer Memorial Repeater System
Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA **Trustee: W3RM**

147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz 444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 Hz

Reach us on EchoLink through W3QV-R

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W3EM: Field Day/special event station Trustee: N3QV

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The Prez Sez ...



Hello Phil-Mont

Well October is almost here and welcome to fall.

We resumed our monthly meetings last month at the Giant in Willow Grove.

We had a great presentation last month on MESH Network presented by Dennis K3DS Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Temple University. Dennis is a Former Assistant Director of the Atlantic Division of the ARRL (1998-2002) and recipient of the 2001 ARRL Atlantic Division Technical Achievement Award. He is also a Life Senior Member of the IEEE amongst many other accomplishments.

Our speaker for October will be our own Chris Brady, N3CB of CBS 3 here in Philadelphia. Chris will give us some insight on what it takes to run the Democratic National Convention from a broadcast point of view. Bring a friend if you can as all are welcome to attend.

It is also that time of the year again for **ELECTION of OFFICERS** and board members. Once again Al, W3STW, will be chairing the nominating committee and will be the Judge of Elections. Give it some thought and make your intentions known to those on the committee. This is your chance for you to give back to **YOUR** club. You must be a member in good standing and a Phil-Mont member for at least one year to run for office.

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Elections will be held at our Annual meeting which is the December meeting.

Keep in mind that Old Timers Night will be coming up in November. If you are in touch with an Old Phil-Monter that you don't usually see at a meeting or hear on the repeater try to entice them to come to Old Timers Night as it would be great to see them.

October 16 RF Hill Hamfest - Sellersville, PA - RF Hill Amateur Radio Club Sellersville Fire Company, 50 North Main Street, Sellersville, PA; Rt. 309 to Sellersville exit (Main street) firehouse is next to Perkiomen creek near intersection with Diamond Street; Doors open 7 AM.

If anyone has any suggestions for a speaker or would like to speak at one of our meetings please let any of the club officers or board members know. Your input is vital and we welcome all suggestions.

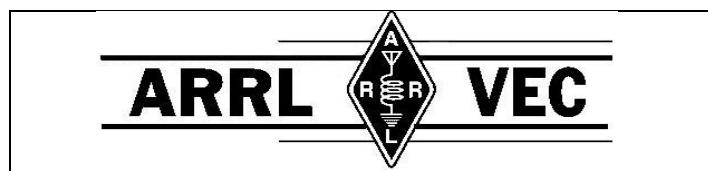
Don't forget to sign up for the Phil-Mont Yahoo Group. We currently have 40+ members. This is a good way to share ideas amongst the membership. Sal NC3U is the moderator the group. For more info and to join the group contact Sal.

Our editor also request that if you place an item for sale and sell same please let him know so he can remove it from the Blurb.

Thank you for your support.

See you all at the next meeting.

73, Greg WA3GM



***Thursday evening session is on
the 27th this month.***

As always, many thanks to our VE team!

**Phil-Mont Birthdays
& Tidbytes**

October Birthdays

01 Ed Masarsky - KB3IV

02 Donna Stevenson (XYL K3HWE)

03 Lisa Brady – KA3VIL(XYL N3CB)

Susan Lamont (XYL N3SHM)

05 Domenic Cantarella K3DTC

06 Chris Brady – N3CB

Joan Freer (XYL W3YLT)

08 Frank Kohn - W3MHP

09 Griffin Timm - W3HIA

10 Patricia Dinardi (XYL N3XKE)

11 Charlye Johnson, Jr. - K3CJ

20 Rita Ruhl (XYL N3GBJ)

29 Bob Harcarik WA2POW

31 Dick Klein - W3WXC

MEMBERSHIP STATS

At press time P.M.R.C. has:

105 FULL PAID MEMBERS

10 FAMILY MEMBERS

2 YOUTH MEMBERS

1 HONORARY MEMBER

1 Pending Member

From the Secretary

Board meeting 9/7/2016

WA3GM opened the meeting at 706 PM. In attendance were; W3AOK, K3HWG, WA3KIO, KB3IV, ND3B, W3STW and WU3I.

KB3IV gave the treasurers report. We had income from dues and donations. we had expenses for internet service and domain registration, field day and a new Yaesu repeater.

in the end we still have money. K3HWG made the motion to accept the report ND3B seconded motion carried.

W3AOK gave the technical report. New receiver was installed very hot needs adjustment. Need T111 siding installed along the bottom of exterior wall to be done in fall. Have new Yaesu DR1X repeated to be installed soon with wires X on site. Program

September K3DS on broadband Hamnet Microwave Communication

October N3CB to talk about comms for DNC and Papal Visit.

November Old Timers Nite

December Elections

January Auction

ND3D Editor reports he will be out of town 10/15 to 11/3. **Please submit all articles for Blurb by 10/10/2016**

Old Business: none raised.

New Business

KB3IV reported all club calls, W3AA, W3QV and W3EM have been renewed.

W3AOK to investigate what needs to be done to change trustee of W3QV - to be addressed in November.

AJ3DI suggests Yahoo groups be opened. NC3Uagrees but group needs to be moderated. NC3U will continue to moderate. KB3IV made the motion for all to view. K3HWG Second. Motion carried.

New Member Pending:

James Toth K3CHJ

Pottstown, Pa.

Extra Class

October 2016

It was reported that WA3DSP wants to finish PMRC DVD in time for delivery at Old Timers Night.

W3STW was appointed as Nominating Committee Chair for the election in December. Please step up and run for an office when AI calls.

K3HWG made the motion to Adjourn. ND3B seconded. Motion carried at 8:20 PM.

General Meeting 9/14/2016

WA3GM opened the meeting at 705 PM.

There were 32 Members and 3 Guests present. The guests were Russell Tobias KB3UI, Dennis Silage K3DS and Mark Hinkel WA3QVU.

Reports were made and a fine program on Broadband Hamnet Microwave Communication was presented by Dennis Silage K3DS from Temple University.

Meeting closed at 758PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve, WU3I

Clinton R. Spencer Jr.

Clinton R. (Jim) Spencer, Jr. was born December 27, 1923 in Abington PA. He was the son of Clinton R. Sr. and Ellen (Strode) Spencer. He graduated from Abington High School in 1941 and served in the Army Signal Corps, from December 1942 to December 1945 as a telephone repair man in the

- 101st Signal Battalion. Jim began in Cape Crowder Missouri and spent time in Hawaii, with service in the Philippines, Okinawa and Korea before returning to the states. Jim took over his father's building and maintenance business in 1946.

Jim was introduced to Elaine Keyser by their respective fathers, who served together in World War I. They were married on February 26, 1949 and lived in an apartment in Glenside until



Jim built their home on Central Avenue in North Hills. Their first son, Rick was born in December 1951. Jayne arrived in February 1955 and Duane in September 1957. They lived in North

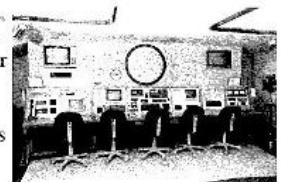
Hills for 31 years. In 1983 they relocated to Lansdale and remained there until 2005, when they entered the Telford Lutheran Community. Jim has three Grandchildren, Keri, Christopher and Daniel.

Jim was self-employed as a building and maintenance contractor. He worked primarily doing additions and renovations to existing structures. He built three single homes other than his North Hills home, the WFLN Radio Station, several Microwave Relay Facilities for a large communications company, and a warehouse facility for a candy manufacturer. He continued to work part time thru his sixties until he finally retired in 1994.



Jim became a member of the Edge Hill Fire Company where he served as Captain of the Fire Police for 25 years. He was a Life Member of that organization.

Jim was a charter member of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club. He was part of a select group who founded the club in 1949, and Jim got his Class B amateur radio license (W3QQH) in 1950. He acquired an additional license (W3BBB) in 1955. Jim's expertise in building construction and electronics gave him the tools necessary to create five mobile communications vehicles, three educational amateur radio stations in the Franklin Institute and several radio repeater facilities. This helped enhance Amateur Radio as a hobby and improve the availability of emergency communications in the Philadelphia area. Jim's guiding presence was felt by many members of the radio club. He donated countless hours to help others in the pursuit



of this hobby. Jim was awarded the "Grand Ole Ham" from the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) in 1993.

Thanks to Bill, W3AOK for providing this memento.

October at Phil-Mont

2 Sun W3MHP
 3 Mon Rosh Hashanah
 9 Sun KC3DII
 10 Mon Columbus Day
 12 Wed Yom Kippur
 16 Sun KB3SJS
 23 Sun WU3I
 27 Thur VE session
 30 Sun N3QV
 31 Mon Halloween

Don't forget the ARES net on Sunday nights and the Digital net on Tuesday nights.

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For Sale

1/8" (290#) & 3/16" (380#) Dark Olive Drab Braided Cord · 100% Polyester/Dacron Knit Braided. Nice stuff! Tough and long lasting · UV Resistant and Low Stretch Proudly Made in the U.S.A.! Contact Steve WU3I at wu3i@arrl.net or 215-605-6074

For Sale MFJ 998

Full Legal Limit 1500 Watt Intellituner automatic antenna tuner. With a capability of 1500 watts SSB and CW, coupled with automatic tuning, your high-power station can now operate essentially hands-free even when frequency and band changes are made. Asking \$500.00 Bill K3HWG

For Sale MFJ-962D

MFJ-962D handles 1500 Watts PEP SSB amplifier input power (800 Watts PEP SSB amplifier output power). It's perfect for Ameritrons best-selling 800 Watt AL-811H or 600 Watt AL-811 amplifiers!

Asking \$200.00 Bill K3HWG K3HWG@arrl.net

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